



Learning together, doing our best- being kind!



Reception Welcome Meeting

Wednesday 17th September 2025





Our Reception Team

Rabbits Class Teachers



Mrs Birrell (Mon-Weds)



Mrs Flashman (Thurs-Fri)

Squirrels Class Teacher



Miss Coles

Teaching Assistants



Miss Judge
(HLTA)



Mrs Skilton



Miss Mihalop



Mrs Vata



Mrs Duffy



Home-School Communication

How to contact us

- Talk to us
- Email or call the office on for sickness, absence, events. Tel: 01372 373502. Add info@fetcham.surrey.sch.uk to your safe senders list.
- **Email teachers:** for academic or personal, social & emotional concerns about your child (We aim to respond within 2 working days)
 - o Rabbits Class: mrsbirrell@fetchaminfants.org AND mrsflashman@fetchaminfants.org
 - o Squirrels Class: misscoles@fetchaminfants.org

How we will contact you

- **For general messages** about our learning, homework, events, reminders etc:
 - o Any email communication will be sent on Mondays, Wednesdays or Fridays
 - o School newsletter: 'The Fetcham Freelancer' every Friday
- **To discuss your child's academic or personal, social and emotional needs:**
 - o Talk to you 'on the door' OR arrange a **phone call or meeting** if necessary

Always check our School Website: www.fetcham.surrey.sch.uk



Tapestry



- **Tapestry** is an online learning journal.
- We use Tapestry to share some highlights of children's learning and experiences in school.
- Parents can also add entries about learning and memorable events at home
- You'll receive an email asking you to activate your relative account when it's ready.
- See the Rabbits/Squirrels class pages on our **School Website** for Guides on Tapestry.

Using a number line

By [redacted] - Added 08 Jan 2020 01:57 PM

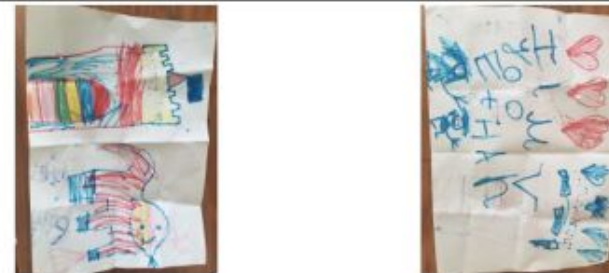


Notes

Millie was able to count on from one number to another to find the answer to a verbal number sentence.

Card for Ethan

By Sophie Birrell - Added 01 Feb 2020 10:21 AM



Notes

Millie decided to make a card for her brother Ethan. She did it all independently - everything was her idea and her work! She was very proud of her card and Ethan loved it.



PE and Forest School



Mrs Wright

- From the ***week beginning Monday 22nd September***, children need to **come to school dressed in PE kit** on these days:
 - **Rabbits Class: Tuesdays and Thursdays**
 - **Squirrels Class: Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays**
- **PE kit:** T-shirt, shorts or tracksuit bottoms, jumper, trainers.
- **No Earrings** - they must be removed at home on PE kit days.
- **Forest School with Mrs Wright**, Deputy Head - Rabbits Class on Tuesday mornings, Squirrels Class on Wednesday afternoons.
- **Forest School clothes stay in school:** wellies, warm socks, waterproof trousers (*NO shoulder straps*), waterproof coat.
- Please **name everything!**



Phonics and Reading

Come to one of our Reading Workshops for Reception parents/carers:

- ▶ Tuesday 30th September, 9am
- ▶ Wednesday 1st October, 6pm

We will run the same workshop twice.





What is phonics?

We teach phonics using the **Read Write Inc** programme.



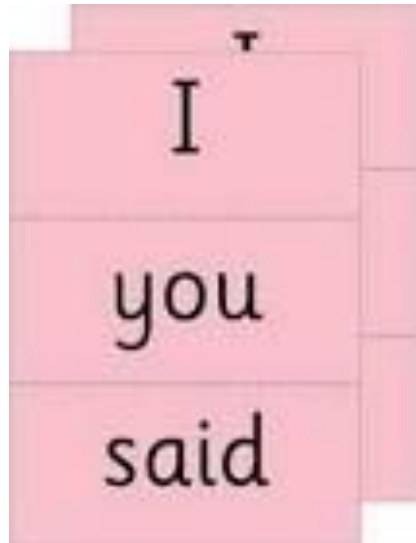
'Special friends' (sounds using 2 or 3 letters)



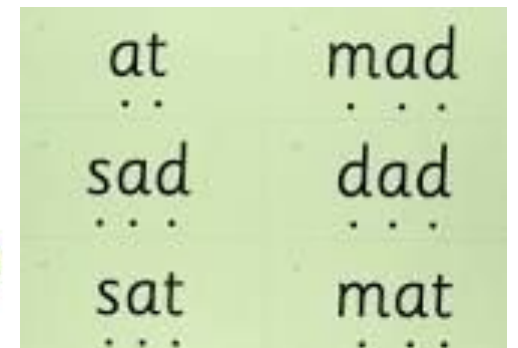
What is taught in phonics?

Phonics includes learning to **segment** and **blend**.

- Segmenting: breaking a word down into individual sounds.
In Read Write Inc, this is called '**Fred Talk**'. Practise 'Fred Talk' at home.
Make it fun! See if your child can give or follow instructions in Fred Talk: 'Put your hands on your h-ea-d. Can you h-o-p?'
- Blending: merging sounds together to read the whole word.



Red Words -
phonetically
irregular words to
learn by sight





Home Reading

School Library Books - changed each Monday, starting 22nd September

- Read a library book together, sharing the pictures and talking about the story or the information.
- A box of library books will be outside each classroom door at drop off/pick up if you want to change the library book more frequently.



Read Write Inc books

A Read Write Inc book or sheet will be given to your child when they know all single-letter sounds and can read short words. This is typically not until the **Spring term of Reception**.



Lost or damaged books

- We will not send home new books until the previous ones have been returned.
- If a child's book is lost or damaged, we will ask for a contribution of £5.





Homework

Bring the Homework Book in each **Monday**.

We send it home each Wednesday, starting today (17th September).

Autumn Term - Phonics Homework

Key tips:

- Keep it short and frequent: 5 or 10 minutes on most days.
- Say the letter sound.
- Say the handwriting phrase.
- Talk about things that begin with that letter (e.g. M for...Mummy, monkey, mat, mouse).
- Have a go at forming the letter shape if your child is ready.



Share rhymes and books together as often as possible.



Our Values

The children have already been introduced to our School Values Tree.



Our School Values underpin our Behaviour Policy (this can be viewed on our School website).



Fluffy's Diary and Sprinkle's Diary

This is an opportunity for the children to share their news about the weekend and the special places they have been together.

It is a good opportunity for the children to practise talking in front of the class.

It is a good opportunity for the children to ask each other questions.

Your child's name is chosen at random from a pot of lolly sticks. They will take home **Fluffy Squirrel /Sprinkle Rabbit on a Friday** and **return it the following Thursday**.

All children will get a turn over the year.





And Finally...

- ▶ We will be outside in all weathers. Please always bring in a **named coat**. When the weather gets colder, please also bring in a hat and gloves.
 - ▶ Make sure your child always has a **book bag and water bottle**.
 - ▶ Only water in water bottles please (No milk or squash).
 - ▶ Do not allow your child to bring toys or any other items into school.
 - ▶ Make sure every item is clearly **labelled with your child's name!**
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- ▶ If you would like to **volunteer** to help in school, please email the school office. We place parent volunteers in a different year group to the one that their child is in.



We are so proud of your lovely children. We look forward to the year ahead!

Any Questions?